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## A PROCLAMATION,

*Appointing the Diſtribution of Prizes taken, and the Bounty for Taking or Deſtroying Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy, from the Time of His Majeſty's Declaration of War againſt Spain.*

*GEORGE* R.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and the more ſpeedy and effectual manning His Majeſty's Navy; it is, amongſt other Things, enacted, That the Flag Officers, Commanders, and other Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, on board every Ship and Veſſel of War in Our Pay, ſhall have the ſole Intereſt and Property of and in all and every Ship, Veſſel, Goods and Merchandizes, which they ſhall take from and after the Second Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, during the Continuance of this War againſt Spain, (being firſt adjudged lawful Prize in any of Our Courts of Admiralty in Great Britain, or in Our Plantations in America, or elſewhere) to be divided in ſuch Proportions, and after ſuch Manner, as We, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhall think fit to order and direct by Proclamation or Proclamations, to be iſſued for thoſe Purpoſes. And whereas by the ſaid Act, the Proviſions and Regulations eſtabliſhed by an Act paſſed in the Twenty Ninth Year of the Reign of Our late Royal Grandfather, for better carrying on the ſalutary Purpoſes intended in the Proſecution of the War againſt France, as explained and amended by another Act paſſed in the Thirty Second Year of the Reign of Our late Royal Grandfather, reſpecting the granting Commiſſions or Letters of Marque, the Perſons acting, and Captures made under the Authority thereof, and alſo all other Clauſes and Proviſos, contained in the ſaid Acts, are extended to the Granting of Commiſſions or Letters of Marque, and all other Matters and Things whatſoever in reſpect of the ſame, during the Continuance of the preſent War with Spain, as fully, amply, and effectually, as if the ſaid Regulations and Proviſions had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the ſaid Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament; And whereas by the ſaid Act, the Regulations reſpecting Prize or Bounty Monies contained in an Act paſſed in the Thirty Third Year of the Reign of Our late Royal Grandfather, are alſo enacted to be in Force with regard to any Prizes to be made during the Continuance of the ſaid War with Spain: And whereas it is enacted, by Virtue of the Proviſions herein before recited or referred to, That there ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer of Our Navy, upon Bills to be made forth by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, to be paid according to the Courſe thereof, without Fee or Reward, unto the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others, that have been actually on board any of our Ship or Ships of War, or Privateer or Privateers, in any Action where any Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers, ſhall have been taken from the Enemy, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſince Our Declaration of War againſt Spain, dated the ſaid Second Day of January, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, Five Pounds for every Man which was living on board any Ship or Ships ſo taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, at the Beginning of the Engagement between them; the Numbers of ſuch Men to be proved by the Oaths of Three or more of the Chief Officers, of Men, which were belonging to the ſaid Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers of the Enemy, or belonging to any of them, at the Time of her being taken as Prize, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, before the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate of the Port, within any of Our Dominions, whereunto any Prize, or Officers, or Men, of ſuch Ships as were ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſhall be brought, or before the Britiſh Conſul, or Vice Conſul, reſiding at any Neutral Port to which ſuch Prize, or Officers, or Men, ſhall be brought; which Oaths the ſaid Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate of any ſuch Port, or Conſul, or Vice Conſul, are thereby reſpectively impowered and required to adminiſter; and ſhall forthwith grant a Certificate thereof, without Fee or Reward, directed to the Commiſſioners of the Navy; upon producing which Certificate to the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, together with an authentick Copy of the Condemnation of ſuch Ship ſo taken; or if ſuch Ship be ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, on producing only a Certificate from the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate, or Conſul, or Vice Conſul, as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners of Our Navy, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, ſhall, according to the Courſe of the Navy, within Fifteen Days, make out Bills for the Amount of ſuch Bounty, directed to the Treaſurer of the Navy, payable to, and to be divided amongſt the Officers, Seamen, Marines and Soldiers, on board Our Ships of War, in Manner, Form, and Proportion, as by Our Proclamation to be iſſued for that Purpoſe ſhall be directed and appointed; and amongſt the Owners, Officers, and Seamen, of any private Veſſel or Ship of War, in ſuch Manner and Proportion, as, by any Agreement in Writing they ſhall have entered into for that Purpoſe, ſhall be directed: But it is nevertheleſs provided by the ſaid Act, That in all Caſes where ſuch Oath and Certificate cannot be adminiſtered and granted at the firſt Port whereunto any Prize, or Officers, or Men, of ſuch Ships as ſhall be taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſhall be brought, ſuch Oath or Oaths relating to any Prize or Prizes that ſhall be taken, or to any Ships of Our Enemies that ſhall be ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, as aforeſaid, ſhall and may be adminiſtered and taken by and before the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate of any Port within any of Our Dominions, or by or before the Britiſh Conſul, or Vice Conſul, reſiding at any Neutral Port whereunto any Prize, or Prizes, or Officers, or Men, of any Ships belonging to Our Enemies, as ſhall be taken, ſunk, burnt or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſhall at any Time afterwards be brought, (Proof being firſt made, by Affidavit before ſuch Perſon or Perſons, of the Inability of making ſuch Oath or Oaths, and obtaining ſuch Certificate at the ſaid firſt Port) and the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate, Conſul, or Vice Conſul, ſhall thereupon grant ſuch Certificate and Certificates as are therein before directed; which Certificate and Certificates ſhall be good and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were granted by the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate, Conſul, or Vice Conſul, of the Port to which ſuch Prize or Prizes, Officers or Men, as aforeſaid, ſhall be firſt brought; any Thing in the ſaid Acts contained to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding: We taking the Premiſſes into Conſideration, do, purſuant to the ſaid Acts of Parliament (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) by

by this Our Proclamation, order, direct, and appoint, That the neat Produce of all Prizes taken by Our Ships of War, and Bounty Money for the taking, ſinking, burning, or otherwiſe deſtroying the Enemies Ships of War, or Privateers, be divided into Eight equal Parts, and be diſtributed in Manner following; that is to ſay, To the Captain or Captains of any of Our Ships of War, who ſhall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, or at the taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying any of the Enemies Ships of War, or Privateers, Three Eighth Parts; but in Caſe any ſuch Prize ſhall be taken, or Ship of War, or Privateer, of the Enemy, be taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by any of Our Ship or Ships of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on board, or directing and aſſiſting in the Capture, to have one of the ſaid Three Eighth Parts; the ſaid One Eighth Part to be to ſuch Flag Officer or Flag Officers in ſuch Proportions, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations, as are herein after for that Purpoſe mentioned: To the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Maſter, on Board any ſuch Ships, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Lieutenants and Quarter Maſter of Marines, and Lieutenants, Enſigns, and Quarter-Maſter of Land Forces, Boatſwain, Gunner, Purſer, Carpenter, Maſter's Mate, Chirurgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain, on board any ſuch Ship, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Midſhipmen, Secretary to Flag-Officers, Captain's Clerk, Maſter Sail-maker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatſwain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Maſter at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxſwain, Quarter-maſters, Quarter-maſters Mates, Chirurgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder-Room, and Serjeants of Marines, or Land Forces, on board any ſuch Ships, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine, or other Soldiers, and all other Perſons doing Duty, or aſſiſting on board any ſuch Ships, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them: And in Caſe any Sea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant Sea-Officers, belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes, or of the Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, are hereby allowed, be abſent at the Time of the Capture of any Prize, or at the Capture, Burning, Sinking, or Deſtroying, any Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, the Share of ſuch Sea-Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant Sea-Officer, ſhall be caſt into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine, or other Soldiers, and other Perſons doing Duty, or aſſiſting on board any ſuch Ships, to be equally divided amongſt them. Provided, that if any Officer or Officers on board any of Our Ships of War, at the Time of Taking any ſuch Prizes, or at the Taking, Sinking, Burning, or Deſtroying, any Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, ſhall have more Commiſſions or Officers than one, he or they ſhall be intitled only to the Share or Shares of the ſaid Prizes, and of the Bounty-Money for the Enemy's Ships of War, or Privateers, taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, which, according to the above-mentioned Diſtribution, ſhall belong to his or their reſpective ſuperior Commiſſions or Offices. And We do hereby ſtrictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of any Ships of War, taking any Prize, or Taking, Sinking, Burning, or Deſtroying, any of the Enemy's Ships of War, or Privateers, as ſoon as may be, to tranſmit, or cauſe to be tranſmitted, to the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, a true Liſt of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others, who were actually on board Our Ships of War, under his or their Command, at the Taking ſuch Prize, or at the Taking, Burning, Sinking, or Deſtroying, any ſuch Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy: Which Liſt ſhall contain the Quality of the Service of each Perſon on board, and be ſubſcribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and three or more of the Chief Officers on board. And We do hereby require and direct the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, or any three or more of them, to examine, or cauſe to be examined, ſuch Liſts by the Muſter-Books of ſuch Ships of War, and Liſts annexed thereto, to ſee that ſuch Liſts doth agree with the ſaid Muſter-Book and annexed Liſts, as to the Names, Qualities, or Ratings of the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, belonging to ſuch Ships of War; and, upon Requeſt, forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any Liſt tranſmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, purſuant to the ſaid Acts, to take Care or diſpoſe of ſuch Prize, or of ſuch Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed; and alſo, upon Application to them, to give, or cauſe to be given, unto the Agents who ſhall, at any Time or Times, be appointed as aforeſaid by the Captors, all ſuch Liſts from the Muſter-Book of any ſuch Ships of War, and annexed Liſts, as the ſaid Agent ſhall find requiſite for their Direction, to pay the Produce of ſuch Prizes, or the Bounty, in Caſe any Bounty ſhall be due for taking the ſame, and to be otherwiſe aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Agents, as ſhall be neceſſary. And as touching the ſaid One Eighth Part, herein before-mentioned, to be granted to the Flag or Flag-Officers, who ſhall be actually on board at the Taking of any Prize, or at the Taking, Sinking, Burning, or Deſtroying, any Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, or ſhall be directing and aſſiſting therein, We have thought fit, and do, by theſe Preſents, publiſh, order, and declare, that the following Regulations be obſerved: Firſt, That a Flag-Officer, commanding in Chief, where there is but one Flag Officer upon Service, ſhall have to his own Uſe the ſaid One Eighth Part of the Prize taken, and Bounty-Money for the Enemy's Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, by Ships under his Command. Secondly, That a Flag-Officer, ſent to command at Jamaica, or elſewhere, ſhall have no Right to any Share of Prizes taken, or Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, by Ships employed there, before he arrives at the Place to which he is ſent, and actually takes upon him the Command. Thirdly, That when an inferior Flag-Officer, or private Ships, are ſent out to reinforce a ſuperior Flag-Officer at Jamaica, or elſewhere, the ſaid ſuperior Flag-Officer ſhall have no Right to any Share in the Prizes taken, or Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by them, before they arrive within the Limits of his Command, and actually receive ſome Orders from him. Fourthly, That a Chief Flag-Officer, returning home from Jamaica, or elſewhere, ſhall have no Share of the Prizes taken, or Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by the Ships left behind to act under another Command. Fifthly, That if a Flag-Officer is ſent to command in the Out-Ports of this Kingdom, he ſhall have no Share of the Prizes taken, or Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by Ships that ſailed from that Port by Orders from the Admiralty. Sixthly, That when more Flag-Officers than one ſerve together, the Eighth Part of the Prizes taken, and Bounty-Money for the Taking, Sinking, Burning, or Deſtroying, Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, by any Ships of the Fleet or Squadron, ſhall be divided in the following Proportions, videlicet: If there be but two Flag-Officers, the Chief ſhall have two Third Parts of the ſaid One Eighth Part, and the other ſhall have the remaining Third Part; but if the Number of Flag-Officers be more than Two, the Chief ſhall have only One Half, and the other Half ſhall be divided equally among the other Flag-

Officers.

Officers. Seventhly, That Commodores, with Captains under them, ſhall be eſteemed as Flag Officers, with reſpect to their Right to an Eighth Part of Prizes taken, and Bounty-Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, whether commanding in Chief, or ſerving under Command.

Given at Our Court at St James's, the Twenty-Sixth Day of July, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, in the Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

*St. James's, July 27.*

The following Addreſs of the Council and General Aſſembly of Antigua, having been tranſmitted to the Earl of Egremont, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been preſented to His Majeſty: Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

The humble Addreſs of the Council and General Aſſembly of Antigua, to His moſt Excellent Majeſty.

*Moſt Gracious Sovereign,*

WE your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council and Aſſembly of this your Majeſty's Iſland Antigua after having ſolemnly offered up our Publick Acknowledgments to the Divine Majeſty, for His repeated Bleſſings upon your Majeſty's Arms, beg Leave to join with all your faithful Subjects, in a joyful Congratulation on the Conqueſt of all the French Windward Iſlands, and more eſpecially of Martinico, and the rich and fertile Iſland of Guadaloupe; Iſlands of the utmoſt Importance to the Preſervation of your Majeſty's Sugar Colonies, and to the Security of the extenſive Trade and Navigation depending upon them, as they have received more Injury and Interruption from theſe two Iſlands, while in the Hands of the Enemy, than from any other of the French Dominions. The Favour of the Almighty has moſt eminently appeared in the Rapidity of theſe your Majeſty's late Conqueſts, won by the Conduct and unparalleled Bravery of your Majeſty's Commanders, Soldiers, and Seamen, with ſo little Effuſion of Blood. As it has pleaſed the Giver of all Victory to make theſe Conqueſts ſo highly conducive to your Glory, and reduced, under your Dominions, Iſlands almoſt impregnable by Nature, and bleſſed with fruitful Seaſons, abundantly beyond your Majeſty's former weak, and near exhauſted Sugar Colonies; your Majeſty's Royal Wiſdom will beſt diſcover, how to derive a juſt Compenſation from them to our Mother Country, for the immenſe Treaſures expended in the Proſecution of this juſt and neceſſary War.

Having thus early, in your Majeſty's Reign, already felt the happy Effects of your Paternal Care, permit us to hope for a laſting Extenſion of your Southern, in Proportion to your Majeſty's Northern Colonies, without which we fear, that the Enlargement of the latter may redound more to the Benefit and Advantage of the French, than to the Britiſh Sugar Iſlands, whoſe future Exiſtence ſeems to depend, in a great Meaſure, upon an effectual Extinction of that Superiority, which the French have always maintained in theſe Iſlands, until this glorious Æra of your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Reign.

May the God of Hoſts continue to bleſs your Majeſty's Arms with uninterrupted Succeſs, as we may humbly hope from the Juſtice of your Majeſty's Cauſe, and the Uprightneſs of your Intentions, till this deſtructive War ſhall end in a Peace, honourable and advantageous to great Britain, and happy for the general Repoſe of every Quarter of the Globe.

*Admiralty Office, July 24.*

Captain Penny, of His Majeſty's Ship the Looe, is arrived at Cork with the Maria and Joſeph, a Spaniſh Privateer of Four Carriage Guns, and Thirty Men, which he took the 28th of laſt Month off Cape Finiſterre.

General Poſt Office, July 24, 1762.

*Whereas the Poſt Boy bringing the Mail from Bath, was, on the 22d Inſtant, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven o'Clock at Night, attacked in his Way to Petty France in Gloucesterſhire, and robbed by three Foot Pads in Sailors Habits, of the Mail containing the following Bags, viz. The Bag from Bath for* London, *and alſo the Bye Bag from Bath for* Tedbury, Cirenceſter, Farringdon, *and* Oxford.

*This is to give Notice, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſons concerned in committing the ſaid Robbery, of whom no particular Deſcriptions are as yet come to hand, will be entitled to a Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether an Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery whereby any of the Perſons concerned in the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers ſhall, upon Conviction of any of the Parties, be intitled to the ſame Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and alſo His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

*By Command of the Poſt-maſter General,*
Henry Potts, *Secretary.*

Navy Office, July 13, 1762.

*The Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers from the 1ſt of July to the 31ſt of December* 1761, *according to His Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment on that Behalf; Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſaid Payment will begin to be made at the Treaſurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tueſday the 27th Inſtant, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the ſame Hour, (after which the Liſts will be recalled once a Month) that all Perſons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid their Half Pay, but alſo produce Certificates that they have ſubſcribed to the Teſt, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to His preſent Majeſty; and in Caſe any of the ſaid Sea Officers ſhall not be able to attend themſelves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpoſe, that the ſaid Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Perſons they are employed by.*

Exciſe Office, London, July 3, 1762.

*The Commiſſioners of Exciſe do hereby give Notice, that Attendance will be given the 5th Inſtant, and for Thirty Days afterwards, (Sundays and Holidays excepted) at the Exciſe Office in the Old Jury, from Eight o'Clock in the Morning till Two in the Afternoon, for receiving ſuch freſh Notices, Entries, and Duties, as are required by Act of Parliament paſſed in the Twenty Ninth Year of His late Majeſty, for laying a Duty of Five Shillings upon every Hundred Ounces of Plate, which any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, ſhall own, uſe, have, or keep within the Limits of the ſaid Chief Office of Exciſe: And that the like Attendance will alſo be given at the ſeveral Offices of Exciſe in England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, for receiving the like Notices, Entries, and Duties, from the ſeveral Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, not inhabiting or being ſituate with the Limits of the ſaid Chief Office of Exciſe.*

*By Order of the Commiſſioners,*
John Bindley, *Secretary.*

*We whoſe Hands are hereunto ſet, Commiſſioners nominated amongſt others, in His Majeſty's Commiſſion by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing Date at Weſtminſter the Nineteenth Day of July Inſtant, purſuant to and for the Execution of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, entitled, "An Act for veſting certain Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments upon the Sea Coaſts in the Counties of Kent, Suſſex, and Southampton, on which Forts and Batteries have been erected for the Defence of the ſaid Coaſts,*